REMARKS

SUMMARY:

The subject application sets forth pending claims 11-23, 29-39 and 45-70, of which claims 11, 30, 45 and 69 are independent claims. Applicants note with appreciation official indication that claims 11-23, 29-39 and 45-68 are indicated as allowed. Claims 69-70 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over WO 95/01556 (the "'556 application"). The above prior art rejection is respectfully traversed based on the presently submitted amendments and the following remarks.

CLAIMS 69-70:

Claims 69-70 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over the '556 application.

Independent claim 69 is amended herein to set forth that the three-axis sensor assembly is embedded in a material. This limitation was previously recited in the preamble only.

Numbered pages 2 and 3 of the October 21, 2004 Office Action set forth that the "Examiner believes that the recitation that the sensor assembly is *embedded* in a material is the missing feature of the applied cited art." Based on this characterization and the presently submitted amendments to claim 69, Applicants respectfully request the entry of such amendments for clear allowance of claim 69. Since claim 70 depends from otherwise allowable present claim 69 and further limits such independent claim, claim 70 should also be allowed.

CONCLUSION:

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at last the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application, including claims 69-70, is in complete condition for issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance, and action to such effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his convenience should only minor issues remain after consideration of this response in order to permit early resolution of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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